

## 1 SENATE BILL NO. 145

2 INTRODUCED BY BOHLINGER

3 BY REQUEST OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'  
6 RETIREMENT SYSTEM MAY PURCHASE MEMBERSHIP SERVICE AND SERVICE CREDIT FOR  
7 VERIFIABLE SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER IN A UNITED STATES SERVICE PROGRAM; AND AMENDING  
8 SECTION 19-3-514, MCA."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Purchase of federal volunteer service.** (1) Subject to 19-3-514, a  
13 member with at least 5 years of membership service may, at any time prior to retirement, file a written application  
14 with the board to purchase membership service AND SERVICE credit for up to 5 years of the member's service as  
15 a volunteer in a United States service program, such as the peace corps, ~~americorps~~, or ~~the freedom corps~~  
16 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A TERM OF SERVICE IN A NATIONAL SERVICE POSITION AS DESCRIBED IN THE NATIONAL AND  
17 COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12501, ET SEQ.

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(2) Purchase of membership service AND SERVICE credit under this section is subject to the ~~retirement~~  
19 board's verification of the member's VOLUNTEER service.

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(3) To purchase this membership service AND SERVICE credit, the member shall pay the actuarial cost  
21 of the service credit, based on the system's most recent actuarial valuation.

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23 **Section 2.** Section 19-3-514, MCA, is amended to read:

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**"19-3-514. Service purchase limit -- exception.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a member  
25 may not purchase more than a combined total of 5 years under 19-3-503, 19-3-511(3)(b), 19-3-512, ~~and~~  
26 19-3-513, ~~and~~ [section 1].

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(2) A member who has purchased service CREDIT under 19-3-503 or 19-3-512 on or before January 1,  
28 1990, and who elects to purchase service CREDIT under 19-3-513 must receive credit for the full months of  
29 service purchased on or before January 1, 1990."

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